

Claims 11-20 and 26-45 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

Group I. Claims 16-20, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 261.

Group II. Claims 11-15 and 26-45 drawn to process of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, and subclass 3.

The Examiner takes the position that Group I and II inventions are related as process of making and apparatus for its practice. The Examiner states that the inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. The Examiner further states that the unpatentabilities of Group I invention would not necessarily imply unpatentability of Group II invention, since the apparatus of Group I invention can be used to deposit a protective insulating layer on the body.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect Group I invention, i.e., claims 11-15 and 26-45, with traverse for consideration by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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